

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A sprinkler head vegetation shield, comprising,

- a sloping wall defined by a single-piece curved plate;
- a lip extending horizontally away from the wall along an upper perimeter thereof for supporting the shield adjacent a sprinkler head without attachment thereto; and
- a notch located substantially near a lower perimeter of the sloping wall and configured to accommodate movement of the sprinkler head relative to the plate;

wherein the shield is at least partially circular and the sloping wall is generally concave; and

wherein portions of the wall on opposite sides of the notch extend a distance generally parallel to each other, defining an elongated slot with the notch at one end.

2-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The sprinkler shield of claim-~~6~~1, including an insert slidable into a groove surrounding the elongated slot.

8-14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) A sprinkler head vegetation shield, comprising,

- a sloping wall defined by a single-piece curved plate;

a lip extending horizontally away from the wall along an upper perimeter thereof for supporting the shield adjacent a sprinkler head without attachment thereto; and

a notch located substantially near a lower perimeter of the sloping wall and configured to accommodate movement of the sprinkler head relative to the plate;

wherein the shield is at least partially circular and the sloping wall is generally concave; and

wherein the notch is centrally located with respect to the shield, and the wall slopes outwardly from a center defined by the at least partially circular shield.